



**NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
SCE&G Fleet Maintenance Site-Parcel A
1409 Huger Street, Columbia, South Carolina**

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through July 19, 2017.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 17-6378-NRP, will affect approximately 5.88 acres located at 1409 Huger Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Richland County Tax Map Serial Numbers 09009-13-01 and 08912-13-01. A company known as KB Huger, LLC (KB Huger) wants to acquire the property from the current owners. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and KB Huger.

The property was formerly the location of a manufactured gas plant that operated from 1906 to 1954. Operations included manufacture and storage of petroleum products. Later, the property was used as the city bus transit and maintenance facility. These operations included vehicle maintenance and storage of petroleum products in underground and above ground storage tanks. The current owner of the property has completed substantial clean-up of pollution from past operations, but residual pollution may remain on the property. The property is currently vacant.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to encourage productive reuse of Brownfield sites. KB Huger plans to redevelop the property for mixed uses to include retail stores and apartments. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow KB Huger to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the potential for environmental pollution from past activity on the property.

DHEC will not hold KB Huger responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, KB Huger will test soil and soil gas on the property. If significant contamination is found, KB Huger will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. KB Huger did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, KB Huger will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this contract.

The proposed contract is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/>. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through July 19, 2017. Questions or comments may be directed to Angela Gorman, Project Manager, by e-mail at gormanak@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 898-0929, or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Angela Gorman at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.